

RAC Operations Guideline

Texas Council of Governments

I. **Definition**

A. Regional councils or councils of governments (COGs) are voluntary associations of local governments formed under Texas law. These associations deal with the problems and planning needs that cross the boundaries of individual local governments or that require regional attention.

B. Regional services offered by councils of governments are varied. Services are undertaken in cooperation with member governments, the private sector, and state and federal partners, and generally include:

1. Planning and implementing regional homeland security strategies
2. Operating law enforcement training academies
3. Providing cooperative purchasing options for governments
4. Managing region-wide services to the elderly
5. Promoting regional economic development
6. Operating specialized transit systems
7. Providing management services for member governments

II. **Scope of Practice**

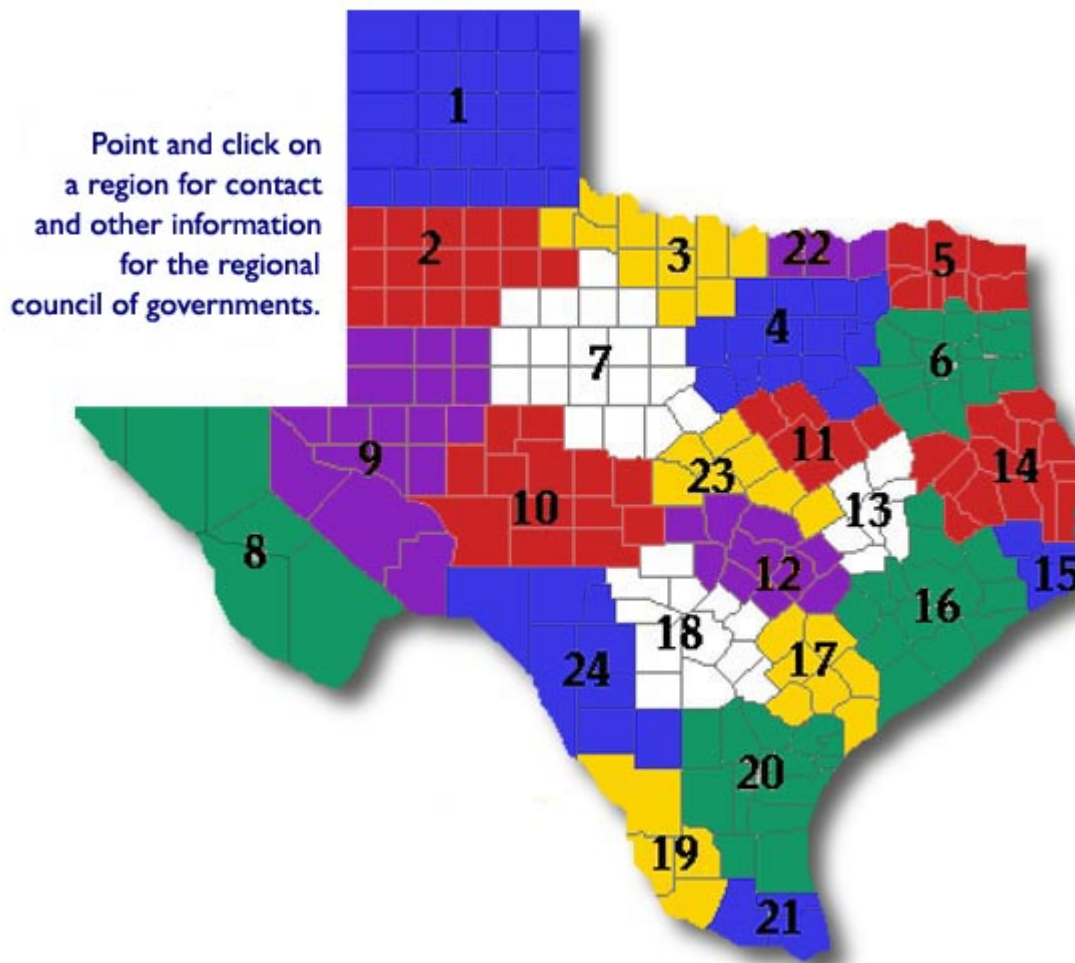
Texas' regional councils of governments are responsible for regional planning activities that may differ from region to region, but typically include planning for economic growth, water supply and water quality, air quality, transportation, emergency preparedness, and the coordinated delivery of various social services. Additionally, council of governments establishes and hosts region-wide geographical information systems (GIS) as well as databases on regional population, economic, and land-use patterns.¹

¹ <http://www.txregionalcouncil.org>

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III. Regions



<u>Region Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Abbreviation</u>	<u>Web Site</u>
<u>Alamo Area Council of Governments</u>	18	AACOG	<u>www.aacog.com</u>
<u>Ark-Tex Council of Governments</u>	5	ARK-TEX	<u>www.atcog.org</u>
<u>Brazos Valley Council of Governments</u>	13	BVCOG	<u>www.bvcog.org</u>
<u>Capital Area Council of Governments</u>	12	CAPCOG	<u>www.capcog.org</u>
<u>Central Texas Council of Governments</u>	23	CTCOG	<u>www.ctcog.org</u>
<u>Coastal Bend Council of Governments</u>	20	CBCOG	<u>cbcog98.org</u>
<u>Concho Valley Council of Governments</u>	10	CVCOG	<u>www.cvcog.org</u>
<u>Deep East Texas Council of Governments</u>	14	DETCOG	<u>www.detcog.org</u>
<u>East Texas Council of Governments</u>	6	ETCOG	<u>www.etcog.org</u>
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Heart of Texas Council of Governments	11	HOTCOG	www.hotcog.org
Houston-Galveston Area Council	16	H-GAC	www.h-gac.com
Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council	21	LRGVDC	www.lrgvdc.org
Middle Rio Grande Development Council	24	MRGDC	www.mrgdc.org
Nortex Regional Planning Commission	3	NORTEX	www.nortexrpc.org
North Central Texas Council of Governments	4	NCTCOG	www.nctcog.dst.tx.us
Panhandle Regional Planning Commission	1	PRPC	www.prpc.cog.tx.us
Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission	9	PBRPC	www.pbrpc.org
Rio Grande Council of Governments	8	RGCOG	www.riocog.org
South East Texas Regional Planning Commission	15	SETRPC	www.setrpc.org
South Plains Association of Governments	2	SPAG	www.spag.org
South Texas Development Council	19	STDC	www.stdc.cog.tx.us
Texoma Council of Governments	22	TEXOMA	www.texoma.cog.tx.us
West Central Texas Council of Governments	7	WCTCOG	www.wctcog.org

IV. Texas Regional Council of Governments

A. Regional Council of Governments

1. Panhandle Regional Planning Commission

P.O. Box 9257
415 W. Eighth Avenue
Amarillo, Texas 79105
(806) 372-3381
(806) 373-3268 fax

<http://www.prpc.cog.tx.us>

Counties: Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, Wheeler

2. South Plains Association of Government

1323 58th Street
Lubbock, TX 79412
806.762.8721
806.765.9544 fax

<http://www.spag.org>

Counties: Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry, Yoakum

3. Nortex Regional Planning Commission

Nortex Regional Planning Commission
4309 Jacksboro Hwy. Suite 200
Wichita Falls, Texas 76302
<http://www.nortexrpc.org>

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Counties: Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Montague, Wichita, Wilbarger, Young

4. North Central Texas Council of Government

616 Six Flags Drive
Arlington TX 76005-5888
817 640-3300
817 640-7806 fax
<http://www.nctcog.org>

Counties: Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Erath, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Parker, Rockwall, Somervell, Tarrant, Wise

5. Ark-Tex Council of Government

122 Plaza West
Texarkana, TX 75501
903.832.8636
903.832.3441 fax
<http://www.atcog.org>

Counties: Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, Titus

6. East Texas Council of Government

3800 Stone Road
Kilgore TX 75662
903 984-8641
903 983-1440 fax
<http://www.etcog.org>

Counties: Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, Wood

7. West Central Texas Council of Governments

P.O. Box 3195
Abilene TX 79601
325 672-8544
325 675-5214 fax
www.wctcog.org

Counties: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, Throckmorton

8. Rio Grande Council of Governments

1100 N. Stanton, Suite 610
El Paso TX 79902
915 533-0998
915 532-9385 fax
www.riocog.org

Counties: Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Presidio

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9. Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission
P.O. Box 60660
Midland, Texas 79711-0660
(432) 563-1061
Fax: (432) 563-1728
Counties: Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Loving, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Reeves, Terrell, Upton, Ward, Winkler
10. Concho Valley Council of Governments
P.O. Box 60050
San Angelo, Texas 76906
325 944-9666
325 944-9925 fax
www.cvcog.org
Counties: Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green
11. Heart of Texas Council of Governments
300 Franklin Avenue
Waco TX 76701-2244
254 756-7822
254 756-0102 fax
www.hotcog.org
Counties: Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone, McLennan
12. Capital Area Council of Governments
2512 South IH 35, Suite 200
Austin TX 78704
512 916-6000
512 916-6001 fax
www.capcog.org
Counties: Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis, Williamson
13. Brazos Valley Council of Governments
3991 E. 29th Street
Bryan, Texas 77802-4213
979 595-2800
979 595-2810 fax
www.bvcog.org
Counties: Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson, Washington
14. Deep East Texas Council of Governments
210 Premier Drive
Jasper, Texas 75951
409 384-5704
409 384-5390 fax
www.detcog.org
Counties: Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, Tyler

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15. South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
2210 Eastex Freeway
Beaumont, Texas 77703
409 899-8444
409 347-0138 fax
www.setrpc.org
Counties: Hardin, Jefferson, Orange
16. Houston-Galveston Area Council
3555 Timmons Lane, Suite 120
Houston, Texas 77227-2777
713 627-3200
713 993-2414 fax
www.h-gac.com
Counties: Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, Wharton
17. Golden Crescent Regional Planning commission
568 Big Bend Drive
Victoria, Texas 77904
361 578-1587
361 578-8865 fax
www.gcrpc.org
Counties: Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca, Victoria
18. Alamo Area Council of Governments
8700 Tesoro Drive
San Antonio, Texas 78217
210 362-5200
210 824-4576 fax
www.aacog.com
Counties: Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Medina, Wilson
19. South Texas Development Council
1002 Dicky Lane
Laredo, Texas 78044-2187
956 722-3995
956 722-2670 fax
www.stdc.cog.tx.us
Counties: Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb, Zapata
20. Coastal Bend Council of Governments
P.O. Box 9909
Corpus Christi, Texas 78469
361 883-5743
361 883-5749 fax
cbcog98.org
Counties: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleburg, Live Oak, Mullen, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio

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21. Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
311 N. 15th
McAlle, Texas 78501-4705
956 682-3481
956 631-4670 fax
www.lrgvdc.org
Counties: Cameron, Hidalgo, Willacy
22. Texoma Council of Governments
1117 Gallagher Drive, Suite 100
Sherman, Texas 75090
903 893-2161
903 813-3511 fax
www.texoma.cog.tx.us
Counties: Cooke, Fannin, Grayson
23. Central Texas Council of Governments
P.O. Box 729
Belton, Texas 76513
254 933-6036
254 939-0660 fax
www.ctcog.org
Counties: Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, San Saba
24. Middle Rio Grande Development Council
P.O. Box 1199
Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834-1199
830 876-3533
830 876-9415 fax
www.mrgdc.org
Counties: Dimmit, Edwards, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, Zavala

V. **Regional Advisory Councils Involvement**

Regional advisory councils should be actively pursuing a greater involvement in partnering with local and regional council of governments, especially in emergency preparedness. Although not a mandate of action on the part of RACs, an active role in regional planning on the part of EMS and trauma care is essential. Every RAC is highly encouraged to make contact with regional COG and get a seat at their table (meetings, regional activities and projects).